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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, U.S. ARMY AVIATION CENTER AND
FORT RUCKER, FORT RUCKER, ALABAMA 36362-5000

SUBJECT: Warrant Office Candidate Vision Requirements

1. Reference Memorandum HQ ATSQ-CG, 28 Jun 99, subject as above.
2. Concur with your request that the U.S. Army aviation warrant officer candidate vision requirements (class 1, paragraph 4-12a, AR 40-501) for flying duty be changed to the same standards as those of commissioned officer aviation candidates (class 1A, paragraph 4-12b, AR 40-501) for the reasons outlined in your memorandum.
3. AR 40-501 will be changed to reflect the new standard, however, the regulation is currently under revision and is not expected to be published for 6 months to one year. Pending publication of the revised AR 40-501, and effective immediately, an exception to policy to AR 40-501 to apply class 1A vision standards to aviation warrant officer candidates is granted.
4. My points of contact on this issue are Ms. Tina Wortzel, DSN 761-0020 and my Aeromedicine Consultant, COL James McGhee, DSN 558-7409.

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The Surgeon General